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## TWO NEW GOVERNORS ELECTED

The election of two new members of the Board of Governors, Alfred L. Loomis and Ogden Phipps, took place at a meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 8th. Both Mr. Loomis and Mr. Phipps are residents of New York City.

Mr. Loomis is Vice-President of Thorne, Loomis and Company. He is a graduate of Yale University and also holds degrees from the Universities of Harvard, Wesleyan and California. In World War I, he served as a Major, U. S. Army, in charge of experimental work at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He is a trustee of Carnegie Institute of Washington and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Phipps attended Harvard University and is a member of the firm of Smith, Barney and Company to which he has just returned, following his service as a Commander in the U.S. Navy.

## LET'S CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK

Mr. Dave Boone recently wrote in the New York Sun: "What America is going to need for the next few months is some atomic luck. And that won't help much, either, unless it's accompanied by some atomic horse sense."

We feel that a great majority of the people throughout the Country agree with Mr. Boone.

What he is really saying is that the well known common sense of the American people should make itself apparent at this time. This can only be done if each individual makes every effort to think calmly and clearly despite the nationwide confusion.

We here at The New York Hospital can justly look back on an enviable record of work and progressive planning during the last four years of war. The time has now come, however, when we all should realize that our objectives in peace are equally as important as those in war. To achieve them we must work steadily and collectively at our jobs so that the heavy responsibilities which the Hospital has been called upon to assume in this extremely vital post-war period can be discharged and thus continue an outstanding record of service.

This does not involve any super human effort on the part of any of us but it does require a steadfast and constant performance of our daily work.

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## BLUE PLAID

Production of the 1946 Senior Yearbook, The Blue Plaid, is now under way. The printer has been chosen, the photographer engaged, and the material is being assembled.

Reconversion brings with it not only great new accomplishments, but also revival of projects which had to be omitted during the war years. The senior class has delved into the past and is renewing the publishing of the printed yearbook.

Subscriptions are open to all at the price of \$3.50 each. Mail orders will be accepted through Bea Raine, Business Manager, or Jennie Kline, Editor, 1320 York Avenue.

## AN INQUIRY . . . NOT AN ORDER

In making a recent review of material on file Dr. Pastore ran across an inquiry and reply which had been directed to New York Baby Hospital, York Ave. and 1st Ave.

For obvious reasons the last name of the inquirer has been withheld. We felt the following letter had considerable human interest value.

I am 6 JULY 30-  
Dear Nurse  
and Doctor.  
Please send me  
A Baby girl.  
Make Sure It  
IS A girl.  
I have been  
waiting for A  
Baby.  
Christine

Dear Christine,

I have received your kind letter addressed to the New York Baby Hospital. We would be very happy to comply with your request to have a baby sister, however, we will need the cooperation of both your father and mother. You might tell them that we will be very glad to assist whenever they feel that such an addition is possible.

Thank you very much for writing to me.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN B. PASTORE, M.D.  
Assistant Superintendent



## WEEKLY PAYROLL ADOPTED JAN. 1, 1946

All employees, with the exception of doctors and nurses, are now being paid on a weekly basis. This change was brought about at the request of a great number of our employees and is the one generally followed in industrial and commercial organizations. Accordingly it represents a more uniform schedule of payment. It was for these reasons that the Hospital put it into effect even though the change entails a great deal more work. Under the semi-monthly system, a person was paid the same amount for periods ranging from 13 to 16 days because of the variation in the number of days each month. With the weekly payroll, this inequity does not exist. The easiest method of arriving at a weekly pay rate on a monthly salary is to obtain the annual salary and divide by the number of weeks in the year. It is interesting to note that the ordinary year has 52 weeks plus one day, so that each person on the weekly payroll receives one more day's pay annually than he would have under the semi-monthly system.

## HELEN DOYLE

When someone like Helen Doyle leaves the hospital after being here for over twelve years, the rest of us miss her very much. She came in July 1933 as a maid in the Housekeeping Department, then became a switchboard operator in the Nurses Residence in January 1936. This very cheerful and competent Helen held that position until October 1945 when she became Evening Supervisor in the Residence. Always pleasant and willing, Helen did much for the girls—more in fact than they realized. They loved to talk to her and many plans, secrets, joys and sorrows were told her over the desk at 1320 York Avenue. She loved to talk too, and her best subject was Andy, her 18 year old son, believe it or not. He has been in the Merchant Marine and in the Army in the Pacific, and is the light of Helen's life. On December 31, 1945, Helen resigned to take another position. We all miss her, but want to wish her the very best of luck and welcome her successor Miss Ruth M. White.

## MISS VIRGINIA M. DUNBAR



The appointment of Miss Virginia M. Dunbar, Director of the Red Cross Nursing Service, as Dean of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing and Director of the Nursing Service of the Hospital, was announced on December 18th in a joint statement by the President of the Hospital, Mr. Langdon P. Marvin and the President of Cornell University, Dr. Edmund Ezra Day.

The statement said that "the appointment is made to insure the continuance in this crucial postwar period of the broadened educational program which was developed by the Nursing School during the War under the leadership of Miss Bessie A. R. Parker who will continue as Assistant Dean of the School of Nursing and Assistant Director of the Nursing Service."

Miss Dunbar, a graduate of Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses, also holds a B.A. degree from Mount Holyoke College, as well as an M.A. degree and a diploma in Administration in Schools of Nursing from Teachers College, Columbia University. She has served in executive capacities in Teachers College, Englewood (N. J.) Hospital and the University of California School of Nursing, prior to her affiliation with the American Red Cross Nursing Service, as Assistant Director from 1938 to 1944, and since then as Director.

Miss Dunbar will assume her new duties on March 1st and we wish to assure her a hearty welcome and the utmost cooperation of all departments.

## FINAL REPORT ON VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

The combined efforts of the Medical College and The New York Hospital resulted in this institution making a fine showing in the final bond drive.

A total of \$1,203,268.75 was sold. Most of the individual bonds were sold through the splendid efforts of the Blue Star Brigade. The following employees received citations from the Treasury Department in recognition of their work: Edna Battersby, Lillian Daggett, Frieda Ehnes, Blanche L. Fermbach, Virginia Ferrell, Sarah Fink, Ann Marie Gross, May Hamel, Gertrude Jannette, Catherine R. Lee, M. Salisbury, Edith Schultze, Rita Van Setter.

In addition, Miss Blanche L. Fermbach won the \$25.00 Victory Bond awarded for the largest number of sales of individual bonds. The prize was donated by the Hospital Gift Shop. Likewise, Miss Catherine R. Lee won a \$25.00 Victory Bond as first prize for the largest dollar volume in sales. This prize was donated by the Student Bookstore.

A special citation was given to Mr. P. A. Edholmes, Mrs. Ralph Coote, and Mr. Otto Heim in recognition of their cooperation during the bond sale.

This institution can be proud of the splendid response from its employees.

## NURSING GRADUATION

On Saturday, February 16, at four in the afternoon, graduation exercises were held in the Student Lounge for the smallest class on record. Ten of the original eighteen members of this, the first February class of the wartime emergency to be admitted, were joined by three students of an earlier class who were delayed by illness. The nurses wore white uniforms, the graduate cap of the School, and corsages presented by the class of September 1946.

Mr. Langdon P. Marvin presented the diplomas, Miss Bessie A. R. Parker the school pins, and President Day awarded the degree of B.S. in Nursing to four members of the class.

**JOHN B. PASTORE, M.D.  
APPOINTED EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR HOSPITAL  
COUNCIL**



On February First, Dr. John B. Pastore, an assistant director of this institution, became the Executive Director of the Hospital Council of Greater New York. Always interested in the development of special programs and community hospital problems, Dr. Pastore will find an even wider scope for his energies and efforts along these lines in his new position, as he will direct the planning and coordinating programs of the Hospital Council. One of the interesting phases of this work is the planning of the location, type and size of new hospitals to be constructed in various sections of the city during the next decade.

Dr. Pastore came to Lying-In Hospital and Woman's Clinic as Senior Intern in Obstetrics and Gynecology September 1932, when the present group of New York Hospital buildings were opened, he served as Assistant Resident and a Research Fellow for several years, and since 1936 he has been an Assistant Attending Gynecologist and Obstetrician. Dr. Pastore became an Assistant Superintendent of New York Hospital on October 1st, 1939, and an Assistant Director on October 1, 1944.

One of the important developments in New York Hospital history has been the addition during the past year of over 100 beds to the 1098 which the Hospital formerly possessed. This work has gone on with a minimum of annoyance and inconvenience to us all, largely due to the watchful eye which Dr. Pastore has kept on the project, as this work has been done under his supervision.

We all regret that Dr. Pastore is leaving this hospital when he has added so much to the well being of the patients, the employees, and the organization itself, but our best wishes for a great success in his new position go with him.

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**BLUE PLAIDETTE**

A surprise Christmas greeting to the School of Nursing was the first issue of the renewed Blue Plaidette, the School paper which has not appeared in nearly two years. The issue was well received and another issue will appear about the time this PULSE does. If you wish your name on the mailing list, please send your name, office number and tube number to the Editors, Eloise Beldin, Janice Thompson, or Jean Nelson.

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**REPORT FROM  
MRS. SCHALL**

The year 1945 has seen many changes in the Volunteer Department. With the cessation of hostilities, a great number of our volunteers resigned as they considered their work essential only for the duration. Volunteers are needed now as much as before the war but in a definitely smaller number than in the past few years and since November our department has settled down to a pre-war level. To give an example: In 1945 volunteers served 64,967 hours which is a decrease of 34.83% of volunteers and 25.13% of hours since 1944.

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**BEVERAGE BOTTLES  
BRING BENEFITS**

Bottles are big business. The type of container used for a beverage on which the retail turnover is rapid, usually may be processed and reused. This unit is returnable in most cases and the consumer refunded on the basis of deposit charged.

Recently we chased up the course and disposition of typical returnable containers known to have packaged a "chaser". These bottles are acquired through two channels, some are the property of patients, doctors, nurses etc. and others the hospital purchases because large amounts of these liquids are required for patient therapeutic purposes.

The bottles received from the first group in lieu of tips have been taken out of the hospital by some employees and they receive the credit. In the future, these bottles as well as the group which is hospital property (returnable), will be salvaged by the hospital. The combined income, estimated to be \$300.00 private purchases and \$500.00 hospital annually, will be used to set up a Personnel Activity Fund. Through your cooperation and diligence it may be possible to swell this Fund so as to include more personnel activities.

So from now on remember every bottle salvaged will represent a link in the chain necessary to help support activities for the benefit of hospital employees.

**FEDERAL TAX RETURNS**

To assist our patients and employees in the preparation of their Federal Tax Returns, a representative of the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, has been assigned to the Hospital for the period February 18th to March 1st, 1946 inclusive. He will be available during business hours in Room G-130 B (Main Lobby).

**WATCH FOR SPECIAL CARTOON SERIES  
ON SAFETY STARTING NEXT ISSUE**



## MRS. MARY FEELEY — NIGHT TELEPHONE OPERATOR

"Regent 4-6000 No, I'm sorry. I'll have to give you the floor. You're welcome."

I've always wanted to see this Switch Board room—the big nerve center of the hospital from which come voices we seldom have the opportunity to associate with faces.

The Page System—a double position desk with a swivel microphone between. How many times I've wondered whose voice intones those sometimes pleasant, sometimes urgent, requests for the many people who are subject to such calls.

The Switch Board Room is a large room with a lounge off one end, from what I can see, comfortably equipped. Mrs. Mohr, the Chief Operator, has a desk in front of the board which, I understand, is not occupied frequently. Mrs. Mohr works on the board whenever things get busy and that is most of the time. When busy, the operators describe the board by saying, "This thing lights up like a Christmas tree!"

The switch board extends down the middle of the long room. There are, at present, six positions exclusive of the page. Each position is faced with a double row of cords, signal lights, switches and backed by the board proper. There are three sections on the upright board—one for trunk lines, one for private rooms and one for the regular hospital extensions. A dial is located at the right of each position for out-going calls and beside it a pad of "tickets". Such a ticket is made out for each out-going call.

Mrs. Mary Feeley is a night telephone operator 'parfait'. I've talked with her in the main lobby from time to time when I've happened to be there as she came in in the evening to go on duty. She usually comes in early and chats a bit with the guard at the main entrance or the information clerk. On those instances, I've learned she is a jolly, keen witted, affable woman with a delightful, husky, Irish brogue. But tonight is different. Mrs. Feeley is working, although I understand things are relatively quiet. If this is quiet, I'd

not like to do an interview here in the day time when things "really hum", as Mrs. Feeley puts it.

She has been on the "graveyard shift" for nearly five years—took Mr. Buscher's place, former night operator, when he left. Prior to that she was on the evening shift. When there has been sickness and the board is short of operators during the day, Mrs. Feeley has occasionally filled in. She likes the night shift better, however, for people are drawn together at night and work in closer harmony. That I second from experiences in the hospital for years during the day and night. Mrs. Feeley notes there is a different quality to telephone voices during the day and at night. I believe I know what she means.

Mrs. Feeley was born on a 400 acre farm in County Roscommon in the



*Mrs. Feeley and Granddaughter Gloria*

west of Ireland. There were eleven children in the family, five boys and six girls. She was a twin. The farm was a general one on which her family raised livestock, hay and grains along with other commodities such as fruit and vegetables. She came to the United States 40 years ago when sixteen years old. This sweet Irish colleen was married when she was 17. Her only daughter was born when she was 18. Mr. Feeley died when his wife was 22. For some time, Mrs. Feeley kept house for her daughter and two of her brothers. Then, when her brothers were married, it became necessary to go out and "hustle". It was then she started as a telephone operator on a two position board in a Newark hospital. She has worked in hospitals since.

Her daughter was also married at

seventeen and her grand-daughter was married at nineteen. Mrs. Feeley is now a great grandmother by virtue of a two months old baby. Obviously, she believes in young marriages which have things to be said in their favor, judging from the qualities of this woman with whom I am talking.

During the past several minutes, while I've been relaxing, a number of calls have come in from resident personnel requesting that they be awakened in the morning. From personal experience, I know how nice it is to be awakened by a pleasant telephone voice. The alarm clock shortage made things bad during the war, so this added burden was placed in the hands of the operators. Mrs. Feeley says it isn't so bad in the early morning hours but, 8:30 and later it is a problem, for the day operators are handling an already busy board and have to glance back over their shoulder to see the clock while manipulating this complicated device. It does seem, now that alarm clocks can be purchased, this burden could be lifted from the busy operators.

Mrs. Feeley has a home in Jackson Heights. I'd like to see that home for, if it personifies its owner it must be a charming corner in this restless, frequently ugly, city.

Mrs. Feeley worked at Manhattan Maternity before that institution combined with The New York Hospital. She was there four and one-half years and has been here since the hospital opened, a total of 18 years, during which time she has never been late to work and has been out sick a total of only seven days.

It has been fun sitting here tonight watching this night operator perform her work. I know a number of the operators who work here covering the 24 hour period and I have yet to find one who hasn't been, at all times, as pleasant and helpful as I have found Mrs. Feeley to be. There is something of great significance in that. It is now time to leave and as the door closes slowly behind me I hear again, "Regent 4-6000. Yes it is. Thank you." I cannot help but smile as the husky Irish brogue comes through the quiet voice.

## VETERAN EXAMINATIONS

The Veterans' Administration has solicited the aid of the Hospital, its staff and facilities in conducting physical examinations in connection with members of the armed forces of World War II.

The Hospital has indicated its willingness to cooperate and the program will be in progress when this issue appears.

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## THE STETHOSCOPE

Vol. I, No. 1 of *The Stethoscope* appeared in January 1946. It is a publication reporting a compendium of news items about the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and corresponds to our THE PULSE.

We have read your first edition with interest and wish the editorial staff good luck and the many recipients in your hospital family pleasant moments of reader interest.

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## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Maynard C. Ivison who came with us as Assistant to Mr. Calvin White and became Director of Public Relations on November 1, 1940, has found it necessary to withdraw from that position.

During her incumbency a marked increase has shown in the annual gifts to the Society as well as in the list of active members.

Charter Day Exercises have been a notable feature, under Mrs. Ivison's direction, of the Society's contact with the members.

Mr. Harrison Doty, who has acted as a consultant to the Department, will assume the position of Director of Public Relations as of March 1st, 1946. Prior to his active association with the firm of Carl Byoir & Associates in 1941, where he held the position of assistant to the Executive Vice-President, Mr. Doty was engaged in newspaper and magazine work and was for several years the managing editor of the publication *Tide*, covering the field of advertising and public relations.

Mrs. Ivison will continue as a consultant to the Department.

## Hospi - Tales

To Dr. John B. Pastore:

We are delighted with your new appointment. We shall miss you, Mrs. Pastore, Susan and John Jr. We recall your Saturday noon-day concerts of black-out bells during the war period. A weekly reminder to the patients and staff of our hospital that you were fully aware of possible war hazards. That you with a well organized staff were prepared to meet all crises efficiently. And that you were on the job, not only with your war responsibilities, but as our assistant director.

We salute you.

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*Visited K7 in order to accumulate some info regarding the orthopedic setup. Learned Miss Lambert had been ill and, fortunately, on the recovery list. Dr. John Schmidt recently returned from the Pacific has been conducting the clinics. Dr. Cornell is back following a well deserved vacation in Florida.*

"Inevitable" from the pen of Mr. W. E. Farbstein.

"Chemistry's miracles now in use  
Lead one to wax prophetic  
And predict the time when chemists  
produce

A synthetic form of synthetic."

Ed.—East River Sammy asks, "what next, synthetic nylons?"

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We are happy to report that Dr. Howard Wilcox will resume his activities in the Woman's Clinic shortly. Dr. Wilcox has been a patient in the hospital.

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*The much sought for picture of New York Hospital by Rolf Key-Oberg will be available again at the Gift Shop. Paper shortage held up printing.*

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Mr. John Moore is back in the mail department, having resumed his duties as our post-master. Mr. Moore will also be in charge of the tube system.

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Dr. and Mrs. Warner S. Hammond are the parents of a newly arrived son. He is now residing comfortably in the



*We shouldn't have told him that side splitting joke.*



# Hospi-tales

(Continued)

Woman's Clinic. Wonder if Master Hammond will follow the footsteps of his illustrious father.

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Mention for this month is directed to Mr. Ed. Powers, orderly on G6. Ed. has proved to be a valuable asset to nurses and doctors on his floor having the ability to capably assist in treatments and ward routines. We congratulate you Ed. on your fine record with this hospital.

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Louis Sobol tells us:

"Eddie Dowling, going to the lush new Theatre Guild quarters to meet Eugene O'Neill, found himself not only awed by the marble staircases and luxurious appointments but by the dignity of one of the receptionists who kept asking him, 'Whom do you wish to see?' Finally the producer answered hopefully, 'The madame please!'"

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Miss Thelma Stone, class of 1936, Nursing Arts Instructor since August 3, 1942, was married on January 27, 1946, to Mr. Truman Burdick Partidge. They will reside in Detroit, Michigan.

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Miss H. Rosalind Mac Lean, class of 1937, has succeeded Miss Stone as Nursing Arts Instructor. Miss Mac Lean was recently released from the Army Nurse Corps where her three year service included Italy, Oran and Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

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Miss Elisabeth O. Smith, class of 1945, is now serving with Miss Audrey McClosky, class of 1944, as Assistant in Nursing Arts.

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Miss Eleanor Lewis has resigned to assume charge of the Psychiatric Division of Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, New York. Miss Lewis, a graduate of Yale School of Nursing, joined the Payne Whitney Clinic staff in 1932. In 1934 she became associated with the Brooklyn Visiting Nurse Association

until 1935 when she returned to the Clinic as Out-Patient Supervisor.

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Miss Veronica Lyons, who has been on leave for study, resumed her duties in Medicine and Surgery on February 4th. In her absence Miss Elizabeth Harmon capably carried out the responsibilities of the department.

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Miss Veronica E. Matus, recently returned from service with the 9th General Hospital, has returned to her position in the Admission Room of the Lying-In Hospital.

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Recent visitors from the Unit were Vera Beach, Mimi De Vivo, The Halsted Twins, Elizabeth and Katherine, Jean Champlin, Al Wallace, Margery Agnew, and Jane Curtis.

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The Class of February, 1947, gave a Valentine Formal on February 15, 1946, in the Auditorium of the Nurses Residence.

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Jimmie Gurzenda is back in the Optician's Office, George McBride and Cy Johnson in the Accounting Department—things begin to look natural. Welcome!

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We extend our hand of welcome to Ronald Busse who returned here from the Pacific on January 25th. Ronald before signing up with the New York Hospital Unit was connected with our Accounting Department as a cashier. He is one of the oldtimers, employed shortly before the hospital opened in September 1932. He has an enviable record as Tech. Sergeant with our unit but that isn't surprising since he has an excellent record here at the hospital.

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Mr. Robert H. Nieman is the new member of the Purchasing Department. He was appointed Assistant Purchasing Agent on February 11, 1946. Mr. Nieman comes to us well equipped with purchasing experience and will be able to give help on the many problems that confront this department.

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Mr. James O'Connell was recently appointed Assistant Storekeeper. During

the war period Mr. O'Connell had considerable general supply experience and specifically hospital and medical supply responsibility with the Navy. The General Stores Department welcomes this new member and all wish him well in his new assignment.

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Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan, "Press On," has solved and always will solve the problem of the human race. — Calvin Coolidge.

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## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PULSE

THE PULSE Staff is anxious for an even greater variety of news stories and Hospi-Tales.

THE PULSE is published in the interest of you and every other member of The New York Hospital staff.

Because the group is so large and accordingly reader interests and tastes so varied, it is at times a difficult task to please when the selection of articles gathered or submitted is confined.

This is where you come in. THE PULSE is your paper. Your pride and interest in your own department can be reflected by means of an article in your paper. This presentation by you may concern personnel or some operating function and not only means recognition of your home team but generates a broader understanding of the happenings in other departments and makes for reader interest to all.

Tips concerning your offering for a subsequent issue are to keep the piece light if possible, keep it short, don't forget names nor how to spell them and don't wait for your department head to enter the news, this is your job.

THE PULSE Staff donates many hours time in the preparation of each issue. This is done to please you readers. So when you find yourself beating your gums on a subject that might be interesting to others, jot it down, send it to tube 27 and that will please us.

## MAY WE PRESENT HARMON J. BAILEY, M.D.

Dr. Harmon J. Bailey who succeeds Dr. John B. Pastore as an Assistant Director of the hospital is hardly a stranger to the the New York Hospital Family. He has just returned to us from a four year service as a Flight Surgeon attached to the 330th Bomber Squadron. It was this 20th Air Force famous bombing group of B-20's, under Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, which helped in such a large part to accomplish the surrender of Japan.

However, for the benefit of some of us who will have the pleasure of meeting and working with Dr. Bailey for the first time, the following sketch of his career is presented:

Dr. Bailey is a native of the Lone Star State. He received his degree in surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. Association with The New York Hospital began in 1935 when he became Intern in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Woman's Clinic, which at the end of one year, was followed by two years as a Resident on the same service. He became Assistant to the Superintendent in 1940 and in 1941 was made Acting Director of the Out-Patient Department.

Dr. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey are proud parents of two very charming and lovely daughters. For the present they will reside in the hospital on the 23rd floor. Upon being queried, we found him very modest about his accomplishments and outside activities and learned that he had only one hobby, which is wood-working.

Dr. Bailey brings to his new assignment a background of medical, surgical and administrative experience and we are sure that all his old friends and new acquaintances will give him not only complete cooperation, but also, will wish him well in his new post.



*Just wanted to be sure you were asleep.*

## LEONARDO M. MILANO VETERAN FIRST COOK

The Nutrition Department is happy to welcome Leo back after fourteen months in the European Theatre of War.

After leaving the hospital, Leo was inducted into the Service in New York and then sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, for his initial training period. He was transferred to Camp Fruber in Oklahoma where he joined the 42nd Rainbow Division. Leo's first job was Headquarters Co. 1st Bn 242, Infantry Rgt, as 1st cook. He was later sent to the E.T.O. in November, 1944, landing in Marseille, France. His next step was Strasbourg, France, where on Christmas day his Battalion went into combat. This was a hazardous battle—the entire Battalion of 890 being trapped

by the 10th and 21st Panzer Division for three days and four nights. Out of the entire Battalion only 256 men survived the battle.

We are thankful Leo was one of the lucky ones. The entire division was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for their bravery under fire. Their division captured cities including Furth, Schweinfurt, Wursburg, Munich and others. Leo was first cook for his company and later was promoted to Mess Sergeant. He received three Battle Stars as well as the Good Conduct Medal.

The same ambition and spirit which brought success to Leo at the hospital helped him to achieve approval of the many men in his Company.

Leo, who has been in our employment since 1934, very loyally attributes any recognition which he has received to his training in the Main Kitchen.

**It is never wise to look into the future with eyes of fear.**

**— E. H. Harriman**